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SUBJ: DRV MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SAIGON/HANOI LIAISON FLIGHTS

1. DRV FIRST SECRETARY (NUGYEN KHAI) DELIVERED TO EMBOFF JULY 5 THE FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF DRV MFA MEMORANDUM CONCERNING LIAISON FLIGHTS BETWEEN SAIGON AND HANOI:

"MEMORANDUM OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

"THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM HAVE ALWAYS STRICTLY RESPECTED AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTED ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM, OF ITS PROTOCOLS, AS WELL AS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973.

"IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 10 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE RETURN OF CAPTURED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN CIVILIANS AND CAPTURED AND DETAILED VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, THE DRVN SIDE, DURING THE PAST PERIOD, HAS CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE US
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DELEGATION TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM TO VISIT THE

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GRAVES OF THE US PILOTS WHO DIED IN NORTH VIET NAM AND TO
PREPARE FOR THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF THEIR REMAINS.
MEANWHILE, THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION SIDE REFUSES TO IMPLEMENT
THE VERY PROVISIONS. WHAT IS MORE, THE US-SAIGON ADMINISTRATION
SIDE HAS RESORTED TO THE PRETEXT OF THE FIRE OCCURED (SIC) ON A
LIAISON PLANE FLYING FROM HANOI TO SAIGON ON JUNE 8, 1973 -
THE CAUSE OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED - TO UNI-
LATERALLY CANCEL THREE REGULAR FLIGHTS BETWEEN SAIGON AND HANOI
IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, THUS IMPEDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
EXHUMATION AND IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 8 (E) OF THE
JUNE 13, 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

"THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM DEMANDS THAT THE
UNITED STATES AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION MUST STRICTLY AND
FULLY IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 10
OF THE PROTOCOL, AND ENSURE THE REGULAR LIAISON FLIGHTS BETWEEN
SAIGON AND HANOI AS STIPULATED BY ARTICLE 8 (E) OF THE
JUNE 13, 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

"FOR ITS PART, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS
ALWAYS PREPARED TO MAKE JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES
TO MOVE FORWARDS THE WORK OF THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY
TEAM, TO FACILITATE THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF THE
REMAINS OF THE DEAD US PILOTS AS WELL AS THE OBTAINING
INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING IN ACTION.

JULY 4, 1973"

2. EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT DRV MEMORANDUM EXPETITIOUSLY
TO USG AND EXPECTED TO HAVE A REPLY SHORTLY.

3. TEXTS OF COVERING NOTE FROM DRV EMBASSY AND VIETNAMESE
ORIGINAL ARE BEING SENT BY POUCH, TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL
OF THE DRV EMBASSY ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

4. IF DEPT WISHES TO SEND REPLY, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
TEXT SOON.
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